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GREAT LAD: council
worker Andrew
James, who's up
for a Prince's
Trust award



He's our prince Andrew!

The new Cleansweeper
who's also a hero carer

WHAT a fantastic end
to the year for self-
effacing 17-year-old
Andrew James.

The Abbey Wood lad
was one of the 250
unemployed people who
got a "green cleaning"
job with Greenwich
Council.

And now Andrew has
been praised by the
Prince's Trust for the
dedication he shows
in caring for his
sister and elderly

father.

As GT went to press,
Andrew went with two
other Greenwich
teenagers to the trust's
Celebrate Success
Awards, where they were
up for the Achiever of
the Year award.

Caring for his sister and
father meant that James
started secondary school
lacking the confidence

needed at such a time.

A Prince's Trust course
helped him to find his
way and he is now set to
go on to college with
greater self confidence.

Andrew's mother died
when he was young and
his father, now 70,
suffers from severe
arthritis and is unable to

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by Peter Cordwell

Oyster pearl in the New Year

COMMUTERS will be able
to use their Oystercards on
rail services in the new
year.

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you go on Southern and
First Capital Connect
services from January 2.
The roll-out of the scheme
follows an agreement
between Transport for
London (TfL), transport
secretary Andrew Adonis
and the train operating
companies, to extend
Oyster to all national rail
routes within Greater
London, zones 1-9, that
currently accept
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More than 140,000
passengers who travel on
Southern services in
Greater London each day
are set to benefit from
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around the capital.

The move follows the
last week's introduction of
Oystercards on Thames
Clippers after a GT-led
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In my
opinionLove hurts
but not
over at
The O2

I'VE been to the last two French Tennis Opens with my sons, and going by Eurostar undoubtedly adds to a fantastic experience. We also love a friendly game of poker and arrange to have seats with a table. The idea, as I understand it, is to carry on this fine tradition with my two best mates until I eventually cash in my chips. I bring it up because we have just had an experience nearer home that compares with the incomparable, Roger Federer v Fernando Verdasco in the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at The O2 arena. Catching a 422 bus from The Standard isn't quite Eurostar, but it could be argued that getting to a world-class sporting event 20 minutes from home by Freedom Pass has an awful lot in its favour. For one reason or another, mainly workaholicism, it was my first visit to the arena and I couldn't have been more impressed. The attendance on a blowy Sunday evening was 17,500, and you left with that strange sense of pride, both personal and communal, that comes with a Big Event.

This wasn't Wembley or the Albert Hall; it wasn't north of the river; it was SE London; it was Greenwich! More than 260,000 tickets were sold for the week-long event, the equivalent of about 12 Charlton home games in a row. Seeing Federer live, the greatest player ever to pick up a racquet, is something to tell your grandchildren. In fact, I've already told mine. Federer lost the first game with service to love, then the first set 6-3 and trailed love-thirty at five-all in the second. Love hurts - but not a great champion like Federer, who simply turned himself up to regulo 6 without a word to British Gas. Anyone who backed Verdasco in the third set must think Victor Chandler writes detective novels. A 422 to The O2, a 202 to Greenwich Park or a 54 to Woolwich Barracks - or you can cycle or leg it to any of them in 2012. Maybe I should have asked some of the 17,500 people from the other night what they think about local opposition to the London Olympics.

Peter Cordwell

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'Predatory rapist' is jailed for six years

A 26-YEAR-OLD man described as a "predatory rapist" has been jailed for six years following an attack in Greenwich. Kwaku Acheampong, from Burrage Road, Plumstead, was arrested following an investigation by the

Greenwich police's Sapphire Unit. The incident happened around 3am on Sunday, April 26. Acheampong spoke to a 21-year-old woman leaving The O2 venue as she walked towards North Greenwich tube station. He then led her to a quiet spot of wasteland

nearby where he raped her. Police examined hours of CCTV footage from around the scene and from buses. Acheampong was arrested on May 6 and forensic evidence also linked him with the assault. He pleaded guilty at

Woolwich Crown Court. DC James Coldham said: "This was a very calculated offence. Acheampong was a predatory rapist. I have no doubt he planned to arrive at closing time when he knew there would be lots of women leaving the venue."



SEW FAR SEW GOOD: single parent Georgia Marquiss is studying fashion at Ravensbourne after receiving 'brilliant support'

A career is back
on Georgia's mind

She's back in fashion thanks to Ravensbourne

BARELY two years ago Georgia Marquiss couldn't have imagined that today she would be juggling a busy life as a promising fashion student and mother of a young child.

Georgia, 18, dreamed of creating window displays in Harrods and Selfridges. But when she became pregnant at 17, she assumed these childhood dreams were shattered.

Georgia, from Abbey Wood, put her career ambitions firmly on the back burner...until a friend told her about the Diploma in Foundation Studies course at Ravensbourne. Georgia sought help from the Her Centre and Connexions in Greenwich, and was talked through all the support available.

She is now studying at Ravensbourne, thanks in part to the subsidised childcare on offer through

the government's Care-to-Learn scheme.

Georgia told GT: "I didn't think I'd ever come back to college. I thought I'd just get a dead-end job once my daughter was old enough to go to school. Then I went to Connexions to find out what was available for me and things went on from there.

"The support I received was brilliant, it made me realise that there are real opportunities for young single mothers like me."

She was nervous about her new challenge. "I was a bit

scared about coming back to education. I'd got used to doing things in my own time, and I thought I'd find it really hard getting myself and my daughter ready each morning," she said.

"Meeting other people who have children makes me more determined to succeed - if they can do it, so can I. Studying and looking after my daughter is a struggle, but I really enjoy it."

Georgia would like to use her experience to motivate other women in similar situations. She is doing so

well that she wants to progress onto the Fashion Degree course when the college relocates to Greenwich Peninsula in 2010.

She's well on her way to following in the footsteps of one of Ravensbourne's most famous Foundation students - fashion designer Stella McCartney - and local people will soon be able to take advantage of the top-class opportunities on their doorstep.

The Her Centre Young Parents' Project is collaborating with Ravensbourne to deliver an ABC Level 1 Certificate in Art, Design and Creative Studies. The new course focuses on fashion and textiles and runs for a day a week at the Her Centre until the end of February.

Ravensbourne subject leader James Ward said: "I hope this course will be the start of many community-led learning programmes in the borough."

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Council homes to be built again

30 to go up at six sites across borough

by Andrew Stern

MORE than 30 new council homes have had the go-ahead from Greenwich Council - and with building due to get underway in the new year the homes are set to make an important contribution to the housing needs of local families.

The homes will be the first to be directly built and managed by the council in more than two decades, during which time councils were restricted by law from building new homes for rent.

The 34 family homes, which will be built on six sites across the borough, were given planning approval by Greenwich Council's planning board last week. The new homes will be built to high environmental standards, to help make sure that they have a low carbon footprint, and to ensure that the families who live there will be able to enjoy lower fuel bills.

Deputy council leader Peter Brooks, told GT: "It's excellent news that the government is backing Greenwich Council in our desire to build more family homes



TO BE BUILT BY THE COUNCIL: an artists's impression of homes for Sewell Road, Abbey Wood

for local people in housing need.

"Greenwich has a very good track record for getting new homes built for rent, and over the past few years our partnership work with local housing associations has helped to ensure hundreds of new homes have been built across the borough."

The council is receiving finance for the new homes through the government's £100m programme to support new council house-building. Cllr Brooks said: "The new government programme allows councils to build homes themselves and offers a great opportunity to use local sites for the creation of family homes, and in particular to help

meet the housing needs of larger families.

"It's also an opportunity to create job opportunities for local people and we will be ensuring that our contractors work closely with Greenwich Local Labour and Business to ensure that local residents have access to work and training on these sites.

"This investment in new homes comes on top of the programme we are already carrying out to bring existing council homes up to the Decent Homes standard, with new kitchens and bathrooms as well as energy-saving measures for our tenants."

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He's our prince Andrew

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stand for long periods of time. Andrew's sister cannot talk or hear after contracting meningitis.

The change came when Andrew joined Abbey Wood School's Prince's Trust xl club, an alternative curriculum for struggling young people.

Andrew went on to speak in front of the whole school assembly about his sister's condition and his caring responsibilities, bringing some teachers and students close to tears. Five of his

GCSEs were at C grade or above and he went on to study ICT at college. He said: "It was really exciting to find out I was in the Prince's Trust final, it made me realise all my hard work had paid off."

Up for the same award is Zoe Solway, who suffered from low self-esteem before joining the xl programme at Crown Woods School.

Zoe's GCSE results were predicted to be E's and D's but as a result of all her hard work she achieved six C+ grades and is now

taking a year out working for her family and gaining some work experience before going to college to study English and Sociology.

Another candidate is 16-year-old Alphy Lawrence, whose caring responsibilities at home took their toll. He joined the xL programme at Crown Woods and became a valued member of the class and is now studying carpentry at college.

● **SEE next week's GT to see how the three of them got on.**

Borough BRIEFS

Make sure presents are all correct...

RESIDENTS are being urged to remember their rights when returning unwanted or faulty gifts this Christmas. Anyone with an unwanted or faulty gift this Christmas should either consult the relevant shops' customer services department or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk for advice.

GET ALONG TO HENNA PARTY

TOURISM students are hosting a cultural event to showcase a range of travel destinations. The London Leisure Destinations Show takes place at the Eltham Centre on December 9, from 10 am - 4 pm. The event has been organised by 30

students on the Travel and Tourism course run at the Eltham Centre. There'll be information on a range of destinations and a cultural showcase featuring different dance styles, henna tattoos and food tasting.

Carols tomorrow

LOCAL school children will take part in a Carolthon between 10am-3pm at Passey Place, Eltham tomorrow (December 2) for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice.

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Give children more space

I WAS horrified to see that Greenwich Time referred to infants in Deptford Nursery as "students". Infants should be allowed to develop at their own speed, not put in a situation where every moment of their day is programmed, leaving no space for imagination to develop. Will these children ever be able to amuse

themselves without direction? As a clinical psychologist, I believe that pushing a child before its brain is fully developed must be dangerous and already we can see that despite introducing reading skills at the age of four, the actual reading level of children is dropping fast. I also observe that many

of these infants are exhausted when they come home from "school". No child of four should be in full-time school, and in the nursery and reception classes there should be some quiet corners with cushions for tired infants to relax and day dream. In the old days there were cot-beds in the class for the first year primary children,

aged five, and I think there was a better understanding of their needs then.

Judith Bramley
• OUR house style tends to be that we refer to primary schoolchildren as "pupils" and those at secondary school as "students". These "students" may have slipped through during the rush on press day. Ed

Clipper part of local revival

GREAT news about Oystercards now being accepted on Thames Clipper services. Shame it took a campaign from the council and local residents to make it happen! I've lived in Woolwich for 15 years now and have seen huge changes to our town in that time. But nowhere is this more obvious than in the improvement in transport links. The DLR station has

made it far easier for me, like many others, to travel into the centre of town. Thames Clippers offer another eco-friendly form of transport. The improvements to the area around the square in Woolwich will make it a far nicer place to wait. And Crossrail on track for the next few years. Woolwich really has changed for the better.

D. Symons, SE18

Well worth the effort

I JUST wanted to take the time to say thank Cleansweep for all their efforts in and around the Tunnel Avenue/Fingal Street area. All the effort is appreciated and

has paid off - keep up the good work! The area now looks tidy and well kept. I know that it cannot be easy given this atrocious weather. Daren Townsend, Greenwich



THE O2 - WHAT A VENUE

I was already a supporter of Greenwich hosting the 2012 Olympics but until this week I hadn't fully appreciated what a great sports venue The O2 Arena is. I was lucky enough to have tickets for the first evening's play in the ATP tennis - the first time I've seen the venue used for sport. I was high up but had a great view, and to be able to watch the world's greatest tennis stars in comfort, just a short bus ride from home, is just unbelievable. Roll on 2012!

Bea Saunders, Blackheath

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Work it out

New Diplomas give students on-the-job experience

by Hilary Bryan

YEAR 9 pupils learned about the new Diploma qualification during a special lesson at Greenwich Heritage Centre last week.

Students from nine secondary schools were invited to an hour's workshop to learn about the new Diploma courses that will be on offer from September next year.

The one and two-year Diplomas are a mix of academic and practical learning which offer tailor-made courses for young people to study alongside GCSEs.

They've been developed with employers and give students a chance to study a subject area while they develop practical and personal skills and gain experience at work. Students can use their Diplomas to get a job, go into training, further studies or on to university.

Year 9 pupils who are about to pick their exam options learned more about the new qualifications during a two-day roadshow at the Heritage Centre last Thursday and Friday.

They watched a DVD, used an interactive touch screen questionnaire and spoke to teachers and advisers at schools



SO MANY COOKS: Eltham Hill pupils make biscuits at the roadshow's Hospitality stand

that will be running the courses from September.

Students will be able to study nine subject areas at three levels including: Hospitality, Hair & Beauty, Creative & Media, Construction and the Built Environment, Information Technology, Retail Business, Society, Health and Development, Engineering and Sport and Active Leisure.

Greenwich currently offers Diplomas in Hospitality, Hair & Beauty and Creative & Media as part of pilot for the new qualification.

Stephen Wilson, head of Hospitality at Shooters Hill Post 16 campus explained they had a group of 12 Hospitality Diploma students who prepare and serve

food in the college's restaurant and cafe.

"The Diplomas are all about applied learning so as well as looking broadly at a subject, students develop the personal and thinking skills that employers want," he said. "For students who have a real desire to go into a vocation the Diploma allows them to work towards that at an early stage. At Shooters Hill students work alongside chefs and restaurant managers and we've got young people rising to the challenge of engaging in a real work situation."

Girls from Eltham Hill technology college were among the first to visit last week's roadshow.

Thirteen-year-old Lauren Bingham from Abbey Wood, said: "I'm grateful that we'll have more choice of things to study and the Diplomas look good because you get lots of experience rather than just taking about a subject in the classroom."

Zary Hassan added: "These new courses will open loads of doors for you if you know what you want to do."

Aishat Lawson, 13, said: "This event today helps teenagers look at the alternatives and helps us to think about tomorrow." And pal Olachi Onumah added: "If you're in school studying for exams this is a real opportunity to experience what happens in work."

Treasure trove trinket sale

A go-ahead mum is organising her first solo charity fund-raiser – for the love of daughter Jenny and other young people with cystic fibrosis.

The Arrowsmith family in Westcombe Park have always been keen supporters of the Greenwich branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. The national charity needs megacash to carry on with its ground-breaking research into the disease.

Now Sacha, backed by husband Sam, and nine-year-old Jenny, is rallying her contacts to put on a special Christmas shopping evening this Thursday, December 3. It starts at 6pm at St Michael's church hall in Pond Road, Blackheath. Admission is £5 and includes a glass of wine. The first 50 adults to arrive will get a goody bag.

Sacha is co-ordinating a whole range of artisans who will donate 10 per cent of their takings on the night to the charity. She said: "There'll be vintage china, handmade soaps, handmade fudge, jewellery, soft furnishings and children's toys, even designer dog accessories – something for everyone."

"I started planning this back in the summer, and it's just snowballed. I've been inundated with people who want to set up stalls." The Greenwich branch of the CF Trust will also be there, selling their Christmas cards. And Jenny, a pupil at a pupil at Halstow Primary School, Greenwich, told us: "Getting ready for the Christmas sale is really exciting. I hope to be there with my friends and buy some bits and bobs."

Over 8,000 people in the UK suffer from cystic fibrosis, which affects the internal organs, especially the lungs and the digestive system. The charity is currently spending around £4m a year on research into gene-therapy and a one-year clinical trial has recently started, giving new hope to young sufferers who spend regular days in hospital and daily sessions in vital physiotherapy and on nebulisers.

FESTIVE FUNDRAISERS: mum Sacha and Jenny prepare for the big sale on Thursday



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Paul Francis joined the Air Training Corps as the Second World War ended. Here he recalls his early days of training and it they prepared him for service in the RAF. Send your memories to 'The Way we Were', GT Communications, Woolwich Town Hall, SE18 6PW or email peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk

A flying start

It was the sixth anniversary of the start of World War 2 and the war was over but it was on the 3rd of September 1945 that I joined the Air Training Corps.

This was, and still is, a boys' part-time organisation linked to the RAF.

Several of my friends had already joined. We knew that when we were 18 we would be conscripted into the services. It was thought that if you had been a member of the ATC then you were more likely to be accepted into the RAF to serve your two years.

We all joined 1238 Greenwich Squadron D flight. Meetings for us were held in the front room of No 50 Blackheath Hill. It was next door to the school and we used the school playground for drill practise. The main contingent of 1238 squadron was at HQ. This was originally at Vanbrugh Castle, then moved to 112 Westcombe Park Road, and later to a house at the bottom of Maze Hill. The whole squadron was under the command of Flight Lieutenant Hammond-Wood. I recall that some of the other officers were Flying Officers Denyer, Pyke and Warrant Officer Norrie.

However, down at D Flight our officer was Flying Officer PB Fasham. The officers were all part time, rather like scout leaders who did it on a voluntary basis in their spare time. Mr Fasham was, I believe, an engineer working for the Metropolitan Water Board in Brookmill Road. We would attend, on one, maybe two nights a week. There we learnt to drill (square bashing) and had lessons in Morse code, navigation by the stars, theory of flight, the combustion engine, arithmetic and

English. These were all at a fairly rudimentary level, but proved interesting to most of us.

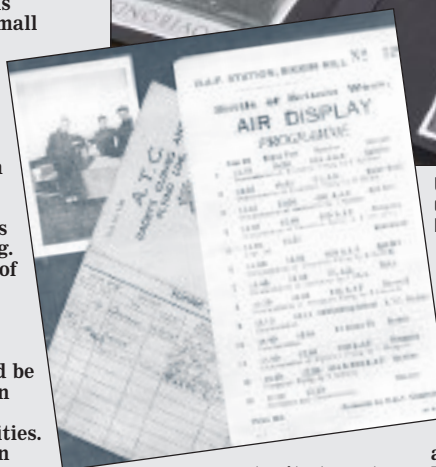
You were given a uniform of tunic, trousers and forage cap. After a while you were able to take an exam to get a first class cadet badge. This could lead to promotion to corporal, sergeant and even flight sergeant.

I recall that on one occasion we took part in a parade with other local groups like the Scouts, Sea and Army cadets, Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade as well as a small contingent of serving soldiers from Woolwich Barracks. We proudly marched along the road from Blackwall Lane to Deptford High Street. W/O Norrie took a cine film of it and it was shown to us all at a special viewing. Wonder what became of the film?

Once a year a week's camp was held. This would be at an active RAF station; we would be billeted on the camp in an RAF hut with the normal airman's facilities. Food would be eaten in the Airman's Mess. If the opportunity presented itself it was usually planned that cadets would be taken up in a plane for a flight usually lasting for about 30 minutes. This would usually be in a De Havilland Dragon Rapide (sometimes known as a 'Dominie'). This was a twin engined biplane that held about 10 passengers. One camp that I went on for the week was at RAF Bosted in Essex. This has long reverted back to housing and farmland. Sometimes there would be an



UP AND AWAY: left, A Battle of Britain air display programme, above, Paul Francis looks through his photo album



opportunity to go to a weekend camp. One was held at RAF Calshot in Southampton Harbour. The idea was that we would get a flight in a Sunderland Flying Boat, an aircraft that was used for coastal patrols. We spent the whole two days inside the billet around the fire only venturing out to get our meals, as there was thick snow and all flying activities were cancelled. We used to have shooting practise with .22 rifles. These were held in a firing range at RAF Kidbrooke. The entrance

was paying a visit from his nearby home at Chartwell. Us band of cadets were detailed to line the route up to the main buildings and hold back any of the crowds. As the time approached for his arrival the crowds surged forward and we had to link arms. But we were carried forward by the sheer weight of pressure from the people behind. This was when the assembled RAF police contingent took over and unceremoniously charged at us and pushed us all firmly back. However, we did catch a glimpse of Winston Churchill, dressed in a RAF uniform, as he got out of his car and was escorted to a viewing stand to see the air display. The aircraft on show included Spitfires, Tiger Moths, Mosquitos, Lancaster Bombers; there was an ATC glider demonstration and finally a Gloster Meteor, the RAF's first jet fighter. The afternoon was altogether one to remember, particularly as they still hold air displays at Biggin Hill.

Yet another 'extra' pastime was to learn gliding. This was an all-day Sunday trip to West Malling. We would go to RAF Kidbrooke to pick up a small truck and our flight sergeant would drive about six or so of us there and back.

The idea was that you started off doing 'ground slides'. The Kirby Cadet Glider would be attached to a winch and you would be pulled along the ground. This was to enable you to practise keeping the wings level and steady before progressing further. The overall aim was to get good enough to take the glider up into the air and to a solo circuit and land safely. Then you were awarded your glider badge. On one occasion I did a couple of ground slides and then a gust of wind caught the glider and precipitously took me about 50 feet in the air. Luckily the wings kept level and I landed safely, if a little shaken.

Working on the old principle of 'if you fall off, get back on again', I was given an extra go straight away.

However, I never did finish the course as I got 'called up' and conscripted into the services before I could finish. I went in the RAF so the system presumably worked.



Mother Goose to the rescue!

Panto star's golden egg for disabled riders

MOTHER Goose has helped to lay a golden egg for Charlton Riding School for the Disabled.

The panto favourite - aka Andrew Pollard, fresh from rehearsals at Greenwich Theatre - was at The Westcombe Society's Dickensian Christmas Bazaar at Blackheath High School which has brought in almost £3,000 for the charity.

It was the 14th annual event of its kind to be organised by the volunteers and backed up by local businesses.

Members of St George's Church, Kirkside Road, put on sausage and mash this year in their ever-popular Pickwick's Pantry and other refreshments included roasted chestnuts and mulled wine.



OH, YES I CAN! Mother Goose from Greenwich Theatre turns on the magic for charity at Blackheath High School

There was a hurdy-gurdy and plenty of other live music, a Punch and Judy, and Santa's grotto.

The Christmas tree from the bazaar has now gone down to the Blackheath Standard for the rest of the festive season.

Westcombe Society's vice chair Jean-Jacques Aune, who was dressed in frock-coat and fancy-waistcoat, told GT: "As always, we are very grateful to local

traders and to everyone who gave their support. We'll be boosting the total for the riding school at our carol singing night on December 21. We're meeting at Mycenae House community centre - 7pm for 7.30pm - and everyone is welcome."

● **MORE** members are always welcome to join The Westcombe Society. For full details, visit www.westcombe.gold.ac.uk

Community order for assaulting parking warden

A MAN has been fined more than £300 for assaulting a parking attendant who gave him a ticket.

Rohan Jacobs appeared before Greenwich Magistrates and was sentenced to 200 hours community payback, ordered to pay £200 to the injured parking officer and £150 court costs.

The 53-year-old

woman warden had just finished issuing a ticket when Jacobs returned to his car in Greens End, Woolwich, on May 29 this year. He grabbed her camera and threw a cardboard box in her face causing injury to her nose. He was found guilty at court on August 18 but appealed, resulting in the case coming to court again in October.

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Dog owners urged to follow Joyce's lead



JOYCE'S CHOICE: Joyce Moffatt with community warden Nicola Simes

THE new dog control orders are now in action across the borough - and dog lover Joyce Moffatt reckons it's the scoop of the year. Joyce, who has lived in Horn Park for 52 years, is one of hundreds of Greenwich residents helping to promote responsible dog-ownership - by example. She walks her pets Toby and Robbie three times a day in the park and is well aware of the new orders that came into force on November 1. She told GT: "The council must enforce the law because some people just don't care! It's scary when you see dogs off the lead on the streets and when they mess our streets. I've been buying the special bags ever since I've had dogs."

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MR BUDGET

Yule be glad you listened

Challenge 10: Getting festive for less than £10

WELL, it's that time of year again; the nights are drawing in, turkeys are flying off the shelves and high streets the nation over are being illuminated.

Yes - it's almost Christmas, and this month I have scoured the borough for seasonal activities that will get you into the festive spirit without making your bank statements as red as Rudolf's nose!

Shopping for gifts and decking the halls can cost a fortune, but there are a wide variety of markets borough-wide which are crammed with innovative and cost-effective gift and decorative ideas. Especially for the festive season, a German Winter Market will be adding a festive atmosphere to the O2 Peninsula Square.

Running every day (12pm-10pm) until the January 3, the market boasts 20 authentically Tyrolean decorated chalets filled to the brim with quirky gifts, arts and crafts that are sure to meet all your gift-buying needs. And, if that wasn't enough, there are refreshments and fairground rides that will turn this shopping experience into a fun day out for everyone.

The indoor market in Greenwich town centre is also revamping itself for Christmas. Alongside the quirky and unique gifts that we know and love it for, the market is getting into the festive spirit with extra Christmas themed stalls, including a mulled wine stall to help you ward off the winter chill! The Christmas market runs from the December 2-6 and 9-24.



CAROLS AT YOUR SERVICE: they'll be sung for charity over the Christmas period

Most people have a favourite Christmas carol, and thankfully there will be many opportunities for you to sing along to them at the top of your lungs across the borough this Christmas - and all in aid of good causes too!

On Wednesday, December 2, school children from a variety of Greenwich schools will be filling Eltham with their dulcet tones. Between 10am and 3pm they will be singing all of your favourite Christmas carols at Passey Place, Eltham, in aid of Greenwich and Bexley Cottage Hospice.

What's more, on December 17,

the Demelza charity will be holding the Demelza Christmas Concert. Held in the glorious surroundings of the Old Royal Naval College, the evening will be raising funds to continue the fantastic work that the charity do at their children's hospice.

With carols and Christmas readings, this evening will really get you in the festive spirit. Beginning at 7.30pm, tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children and all of the profits will go to the charity.

For those of you keen to capture the magic of Christmas, the 'In

Celebration - Deck the Halls' evening at the Fan Museum is a must. Listen to Christmas stories written by greats such as Charles Dickens and Washington Irving, while sitting round a Christmas tree in candlelight.

With the smell of cinnamon and spice in the air, you could not find a more traditional festive evening if you tried. The evening begins at 6.30pm on the December 2. Lasting for two hours, tickets are £10 including refreshments.

Finally, nothing says Christmas quite like pantomime - oh yes it does! Once again the Bob Hope Theatre in Eltham is running its hugely successful panto season from December 30 January 30. Starring local amateur actors, the Bob Hope pantomimes are renowned for their quality entertainment and this year's production of Aladdin is sure to live up to that high standard.

Tickets are priced between £7 and £9 and are sure to sell out fast, so make sure you snap them up and get a prime seat to cheer on the heroic Aladdin and to boo and hiss at the wicked Abanazer!

Merry Christmas!

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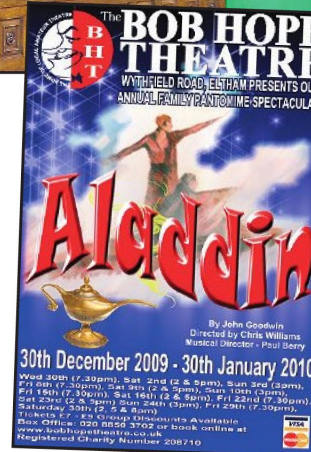
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• In Celebration - Deck the Halls:
Fan Museum 020 8395 1441,
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GREENWICH COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GREEN'S END, WOOLWICH

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council intend to make an Order the effect of which would be to temporarily:

- prohibit all vehicles from entering Green's End at its junction with General Gordon Place; and
- prohibit buses, taxis and pedal cycles (all other vehicles are already prohibited) from entering Green's End at its junction with Thomas Street;
- prohibit the left turn by vehicles from General Gordon Place into Woolwich New Road.

2. Alternative routes would be available as follows:

- for the vehicles affected by the prohibition specified in paragraph 1(a) above, via General Gordon Place, then south-westwards on Woolwich New Road (the existing "no entry" from Green's End into General Gordon Place would be suspended);
- for the buses, taxis and pedal cycles affected by the prohibition specified in paragraph 1(b) above, via Thomas Street, then north-eastwards on Woolwich New Road (the existing one-way systems in these roads would no longer apply).

3. The Order is necessary to enable carriageway and footway works to be carried out and it would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.

4. The Order would come into force on 12th December 2009 and would continue for a maximum period of 18 months, or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.

5. Persons having a query concerning the Order should contact Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, on 0208 921 5579.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building
48 Woolwich New Road
SE18 6HQ

Dated 1st December 2009



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Please call 020-7219 5895 or email raynsfordn@parliament.uk
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4th Sat: Ferrier Community Hall, Telemann Square, Kidbrooke 11 am then Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich 2pm.

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Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.
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Contact your MEP at the UK Office of the European Parliament on 020-7227 4300.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Dec 3 - Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel, 6.30pm.
Eltham Local Housing Panel, 7-9pm, St Mary's Community Centre.
Dec 4 - Learning Disability Partnership Board, Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich Dockyard, 10.45am workshops then business meeting 1-3pm. Call Celine Corbin on 020 8921 2491 to confirm attendance.
Dec 8 - Cabinet, 7pm.
Borough Wide Housing Panel, 7pm, Devonport House, King William Walk, Greenwich.
More information on 020-8921 5130 or visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/committees

A jelly good show

'Best artwork' award for Woolwich Poly boys

by Pat Greenwood

THREATENING-looking jellyfish conjured up in gel-pen and inks - and then computerised - have won these students from Woolwich Polytechnic the "best artwork" award in a worldwide poster contest.

The teenagers, all on the two-year BTEC Art course at the technology college in Hutchins Road, Thamesmead, were competing against 63 other secondary schools both in London and abroad.

Their specific challenge was to look at the ecology of the River Papaloapan in the state of Veracruz, Mexico, where several species of jellyfish are endangering fish-stocks.

The pupils worked with artists Shona Watt and Pete Gomes, sponsored by the British Council culture-boasting organisation. Their entry was exhibited at the Oxo Tower and also along the South Bank during this summer's Thames Festival. The art event was a celebration of the rivers of the world.

Woolwich Poly is already "twinning" with a school in that area of Mexico - with only 14 pupils in it!

That tiny school - Secundaria Francisco Javier Clavijero - also took part in the competition, and their mermaids-in-the-Thames entry now hangs alongside the Woolwich boys' award-winning poster on the staff room staircase.

Woolwich Poly's student artists have each received a certificate, as well as tickets to go on the London Eye to take some photographs towards their course-work.

Daniel, 15, from Abbey Wood, told GT: "I've never come face to face with a jelly fish - but we looked at lots of books and on the Internet.

"Going up to the awards was quite a good experience!"

Amod, also 15, from Welling, contributed work to the bottom left of the poster.

He said: "I've never been to the Oxo Tower before. It was great."

Byron Parker, the headteacher at the 1,500-pupil Woolwich Poly, told us: "It was such a pleasant feeling to visit this year's 'Rivers of the World' exhibition in the Oxo Tower and to see our entry in pride-of-place. I saw our banner on the riverside as well and that was also truly magnificent."

He added: "We know we have a brilliant art-department which always brings in good examination results, and some of our students go on to places like Chelsea College and Central St Martin's. So it doesn't really surprise me that we've been able to achieve what we have achieved in the world of art."

AWARD WINNING: Woolwich Poly art students proudly display their artwork



Christmas crackers

THE festive season continues with another town centre celebration this weekend.

Visitors to Charlton are invited to join a day of seasonal events for a 'Christmas Cracker' on Saturday, December 5. The event runs from 12-5pm at Charlton House. Seasonal fare includes live reindeer, Santa's grotto, a farmers market, carol singers, a children's magic show and fireworks. And there's a chance to visit the Talk Cafe to give your views on council services.

There are more festive attractions for the 'Woolwich Winter Warmer' from 2-5pm on December 12 in Woolwich town centre. The day's events will offer music, a lantern procession and fireworks and another chance to visit the Talk Cafe. Visitors can also join in a huge Christmas sing-a-long, live on the Big Screen in General Gordon Square. This month's celebrations follow the Christmas light switch on in Eltham High

Street on November 19. The annual event, which featured a lantern parade and fireworks, is now in its 10th year. Eltham events continue tomorrow (Wednesday December 2) with a Carolthon in Passey Place; December 3 - Late Night Shopping, Eltham High St; December 9 - Winter Fayre, Well Hall Pleasaunce; December 17 - Christmas Concert, Passey Place. • More Christmas listings at www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson

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Ring for further information on:

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Between 9am to 5pm

Bill of health

Residents get a taste of healthy living

BARNFIELD residents came together to focus on their health and well-being during a community feast last month.

Locals on the Barnfield and Long Walk estate enjoyed hot steamy bowls of soup with ethnic bread and African Caribbean food at the Well London Healthy Eating Community Feast on November 14.

The day's events also included health checks, a fruit and veg competition, and demonstrations of cookery, tai chi, hoola hoops and dance. Other activities designed to promote health and well-being included music, art, games and information stalls.

Greenwich Council's deputy mayor Barbara Barwick and Cllr Angela Cornforth, the council's cabinet member for health, adults and older people's services, joined in the fun. They also talked to leaders of the Friends of Barnfield Residents steering



committee about the health needs of the area.

The healthy eating feast day was part of Well London - a Big Lottery funded programme that brings together seven organisations led by the Health Commission which works with local communities to help them improve their health and well-being.

Well London is a three-year programme happening in

neighbourhoods across 20 of London's most deprived boroughs and covers the Barnfield Estate. It involves local people setting up a range of projects designed to improve their health and well-being. Projects cover the themes of physical activity, mental well-being, healthy eating, culture and tradition and healthy spaces.

The Greenwich project is also jointly funded by a

partnership of Greenwich Council, NHS Greenwich and the University of East London.

Some of the project activities organised for residents include a women's only gym session, a Thursday morning healthy walk starting at the Barnfield Project and young people are busy organising a talent show for later this month.

One of their major aims is to secure funding for a community centre in the area for residents to meet.

Amon Sanniez, chair of the newly launched Friends of Barnfield Residents said: "In spite of the weather residents still got together for a good time. The Barnfield estate needs a community centre for residents. We have made good progress but the residents on the Barnfield estate still need a proper place to meet regularly."

• Get health advice at www.greenwich.gov.uk/health



GETTING PHYSICAL: youngsters had a go at hoola hooping during the feast day, left, volunteer health promoters and community leaders meet councillors Angela Cornforth and Barbara Barwick

Help is at hand – and it's fun and it's free.

There will be two new 10-week healthy lifestyle courses available for young people from the middle of January, one at the Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich and the other one at Arches Leisure Centre in Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.

The sessions are twice a week for two hours each. They're being run by NHS Greenwich in partnership with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), and the programme is called MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it).

Arches Leisure Centre
Starts Monday 11 Jan 2010
finishes Friday 26 March 2010
Every Monday and Friday, 5-7pm

Waterfront Leisure Centre
Starts Monday 18 January 2010
finishes 1 April 2010
Every Monday and Thursday, 6-8pm



The overall aim is to help you focus on eating and exercise habits, thereby improving fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. There are 12 places available on a first come first served basis.

The two new courses follow on from a couple of successful programmes earlier this year.

Meera Syani, MEND Programme Co-ordinator for NHS Greenwich said: "We hope families will take up the chance with this fantastic free course." She added: "We offer a friendly relaxed atmosphere to encourage children to give new things a go, and show parents how they can be supportive and involve the whole family in living a healthier, more active lifestyle."

Places on the programme are limited and families interested in participating should contact Meera on 0208-694 7300 or visit www.mendprogramme.org and click on 'Join a MEND Programme'.

Please note a parent or carer must accompany their child to every session. "The MEND Programme is the UK's largest healthy lifestyle programme for overweight children and their parents. Rather than focusing on weight loss, the programme uses a practical approach to teach children and parents weight management skills. The programme includes regular activities for children, which focus on making exercise fun, especially for children who are not fans of traditional school sports.

The programme also aims to inspire families to adopt a healthier lifestyle through enjoying preparing and eating healthy foods as well as reading food labels and healthy shopping on a budget. There are also parent-only discussions help the adults to build self-esteem in their children. In scientific trials, youngsters across the country who take part in the MEND programme change body shape, reduce their waistlines and achieve a healthier weight for their age and height, which results not only in them being healthier and fitter but also gaining in self esteem and confidence.



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Frame Jane

Actress in focus at school film club

by Pat Greenwood

SHE'S famous for Little Voice, and the dizzy PA from Ab Fab.

And Plumstead Manor FilmClub loved her.

Actress Jane Horrocks took time out from her new 'Annie Get Your Gun' show at the Young Vic, Waterloo, to do a special Q & A session at the girls' school in Old Mill Road.

It was a blockbuster of a day for the regulars of an after-school club which is part of a free network of thousands of government-backed school-clubs nationwide. The club sets out to get young people aged 11 to 14 switched on to cinema.

Plumstead Manor's current FilmClub leader is Katherine Brickley, who teaches English and Media at the 1,800-pupil school and sixth form college.

She attended one of FilmClub's training days for teachers, and then she helped to establish the club which runs on Tuesday afternoons.

She told GT: "We can watch a film and then have a short discussion about it. Then just before the summer holidays, we got an email saying FilmClub would offer us a 'Close Encounter' with Jane Horrocks."

"Students have done some research about her – and some of them are especially interested because Jane played Lady Macbeth and they've



SETTING THE SCENE: young film fans get to know the popular British actress

been studying it for GCSE."

Jane Horrocks told GT: "I've worked in Greenwich. In fact, I did 'The Scottish Play' – as we call it – here in 1995."

The mum-of-two, whose own parents helped her with her original college-applications back home in Lancashire, said: "The students asked very good questions, very intelligent questions."

Jane's advice to Plumstead Manor FilmClub included:

● GET a proper foundation

for your craft and go to drama school if you want to go on the stage

● WATCH a film over and over again to appreciate all the 'clever shots' and the 'tricks'.

Wunmi, aged 13, from Charlton, said: "She told us to get some real experience – rather than just 'jumping for it' on something like X-Factor."

Delisha, 12, from Plumstead added: "She told us you should never give up. She certainly

inspired me!"

Rosie, aged 14, from Plumstead said: "It was interesting that she played Lady Macbeth. We've just finished it in GCSE English."

● SCHOOLS can find out more by visiting www.filmclub.org

The project started as a pilot scheme and then got government-backing last year. The aim is to have 7,000 clubs running by March 2011.

Follow FilmClub on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/filmclubuk>

Dish up some help for new cafe

MA Barnes could be coming to Abbey Wood.

Newly-arrived resident Lisa Barnes has the keys and the planning permission to set up a new community café – with this catchy name! – on the parade of shops in McLeod Road, near the junction with Bostall Lane.

"All I'm asking now is for people to sponsor or support me with the final touches – a builder for some plasterboard and a few other materials, someone to help me buy tables and chairs and boost my stock of kitchen equipment."

"I reckon another £8,000 is all I need," she told GT.

Lisa, former general manager at Hampstead Theatre, has always dreamed of opening an eatery and internet café for all age-groups to enjoy

together.

"I have a big dog – Domino, my black/tan German shepherd – and we spotted this empty shop on one of our walks."

"I found out who the owner was and Greenwich Council granted me planning permission at the end of October."

"Now, because I'm currently unemployed, I just need that little bit of extra help to make 'Ma Barnes' a reality."

Lisa, whose son and two daughters will be working alongside her in the community café, aims to open up at 7am for breakfasts and keep going until 10.30pm.

She said: "I already have suppliers in Kent who will be delivering fresh produce to me regularly. We'll have a noticeboard up to

show customers exactly where the ingredients for their food have come from. In the evenings, I plan to make Ma Barnes into a pizzeria for all the family. It will be somewhere for young people to meet too."

"For that reason, I won't be selling alcohol, although people will be able to bring in what drinks they like to go with their meal."

Lisa added: "There'll be a roast dinner from 11am until 3pm on Sundays. I have a recipe for Yorkshire puddings where they come out almost as big as plates!"

"I'm planning to open seven days a week. It will be hard work, but it will be worth it."

● If any businesses or community-minded people can help Lisa please ring her on 07939-157 760 or email asilsenrab1954@live.co.uk

COOKING ON GAS: but Lisa needs a helping hand to open her new community cafe



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Home & Away

Beverley Parkinson left London and is now enjoying life in Greenwich Connecticut. Here she writes about ...

Rained out cats and dogs

WHILST opening a pile of letters a few days ago, we came across a letter from our local animal charity 'Adopt-A-Dog' explaining how they are struggling in this bad economy.

Like many organizations, they are having to cut back on staff and expenses, but in addition they are also worried that if they don't raise further monies, they won't be able to rescue future animals for re-homing and thus saving lives. Adopt-A-Dog's big annual charity event here in Greenwich called 'Puttin On The Dog' was flooded out this year due to a massive "nor'easter" storm. Only 200 people showed up, in contrast to over 5,000 last year. The revenue predicted from this event was due to make up a large proportion of their annual operating costs – used to care for the rescued dogs and cats, who they have taken into their care while they search for loving homes. 'Puttin On The Dog' last year was lots of fun, with various animal vendors selling their wares, dogs and cats parading ready for adoption, while



PUPPY LOVE: Beverley and baby Austin are obvious animal lovers

other previously adopted dogs came back to happily participate in the day. In addition, there were a number of dog competition categories – our dog Archie competed in the 'Puppy Love' category and was judged by our local resident television personality 'Judge Judy'! The letter we received was very sad but uplifting at the same time. In a bid to keep their organization operating, they have come up with the great idea of asking

supporters to purchase 'holiday gift cards' of \$10 each for presents this Christmas. Another good cost-cutting suggestion is for everyone to join their email distribution list, to keep future mailing expenses down. As I've mentioned before in a previous article, animal shelters here in the USA are run differently than in the UK – charities play a vital part in rescuing animals from the shelters and pounds before they are put to sleep, they

then work hard to find good and loving homes. In the UK animal charities are widely known and recognized, with donation boxes being a standard fixture in local veterinary surgeries. Larger organizations such as Battersea Dogs Home and the RSPCA are deeply ingrained into our culture, showing that us Brits are really soft hearted animal lovers who care – which is why I get so upset over here when I see that animal charities aren't embraced in the same way. With the run up to Christmas upon us, it's worth taking a moment to give thanks to those charitable organizations who are struggling to continue helping those in need, be it people or animals. Gratitude can be shown by donating spare pennies to a favourite charity, by making a phone call to pass on your words of appreciation and encouragement or even by volunteering a few hours to help keep such worthwhile organizations running during these hard times – which is not only good for them, but is also good for the soul.

Borough BRIEFS

Community cafe fundraiser

MUSICIANS from Trinity College of Music are playing in a jazz concert for the latest fundraising venture hosted by the One Day Cafe.

The Steve Pringle Trio plays at The Pavilion in Old Mill Road, Plumstead, on Friday, December 4. The concert starts at 7.30pm with entry at £5. Money raised will go towards the establishment of a permanent venue for the One Day Cafe – a place where local people can meet up to enjoy creative and cultural activities. The cafe currently runs events at locations around Plumstead Common, including the Rugby Pavilion and St Mark's church hall. Visit www.onedaycafe.org.uk

SING SONG AT THE SHOPS

LOCAL choirs have a chance to sing and help raise funds for their nominated charities at Greenwich Shopping Park, off Bugsby's Way in Charlton. The park is offering a space for school and community choirs to showcase

their singing talent, raise funds and bring Christmas cheer to shoppers. Choirs interested in singing at the park should contact Helen Newton on 02920 764 100 or visit www.greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk



BIG SIS: Lilian celebrates her big day with sisters Maisie, Ester and Phoebe

Long live Lil!

AT the ripe old age of 100, Lilian Archer puts her good innings down to a balanced diet and romance into her later years.

Lilian told GT: "I was married for a long time to a managing director at the Royal Arsenal, and I got married again at 76! That's my secret to a long life – that and eating well."

Born on November 14 1909, Mrs Archer celebrated her centenary

at the Gallion's View care home in Pier Way, Thamesmead. She was joined by family and friends including three younger sisters – Ester 89, Phoebe 86 and Maisie 83.

Lilian received her letter from the Queen and said: "The card from the Queen is quite something. If I get a present I'll be happy – it'll be the first one!"

Mrs Archer spent many years working at a local factory and has always

lived in the borough.

"I worked at the Siemens factory in Woolwich making high tension batteries for nine years – it was a lovely place," she added. Lilian's family has a good record of long life, and she still has many elderly relations going strong.

The birthday girl added: "I have three sisters younger than me. Once I asked my dad how old he was and he said 'Mind your own business!'"

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A Gunner in YOUR family tree?

Find out at a brilliant new exhibition at the Firepower museum

DECEMBER 5, 1916. A battlefield at the Somme. "Retaliation was carried out at the Rue D'Ouvert, the enemy was using a search light beam on trench 67 des Marquite."

A neat pencil scrawl, steady-handed on a parchment over 90 years old, betrays none of the fear that must have been rampant at the time of writing the World War One ledger.

"The hump at the Rue D'Ouvert was shelled in reply for shelling of Festubert," continues an entry from the following day.

The sepia-toned documents, which have been stored for posterity at the Woolwich Arsenal, may not have seen the light of day since the time they were written, and actually touching a piece of history makes the candid descriptions even more vivid.

You can almost smell the cordite; feel the water seeping into your boots as the mud engulfs the trench. Hear the shells; see the terror etched on the Tommies' faces...

We are in the archive room at the Firepower Museum at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, reliving the extraordinary lives of gunners in the army with museum curator Mark Smith.

Citing Britain and America's involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq, he told GT: "The public consciousness of soldiers is much higher than it has been - and people are proud of soldiers."

There is a staggering two-and-a-half million records stored on site ("I've

by Rod Kitson

been through a lot - but not every one!" joked Mark) and the museum is encouraging members of the public to look into their history with an exhibition and a book specially printed for the purpose.

On at the museum until the end of the year, Real People Real Lives is a unique experience that puts visitors in the shoes of people whose lives were affected by the wars. The ongoing exhibition is an interactive way of understanding the human cost of conflict.

Mark explained: "It is the story of seven people. On entering the museum, visitors are randomly given a card and 'become' that person on the card."

Information about the characters is dotted around the museum, and the further into the display the visitor gets, the more they learn about the character they have become.

"You find out who that person is, and how their life is affected by either WW1 or WW2," said Mark.

"And there are three outcomes at the end."

Suffice to say, the stark realities of conflict are demonstrated in the tragic conclusions that bring home the sacrifice made by so many military personnel throughout the wars.

The exhibition hopes to spark interest in those who may want to delve further into personal histories, and Is There A Gunner In Your Family Tree? is the book that accompanies the military presentation.

It was specially put together by Mark and a colleague for the experience. The

curator said: "The book explains how you start the trail to find granddad, or the relative you are looking for. We give advice to lots of people on how to start that journey, and even if you can't find it directly through us, we can point you in the right direction."

And the emergence of the internet has made searching family history a lot more accessible.

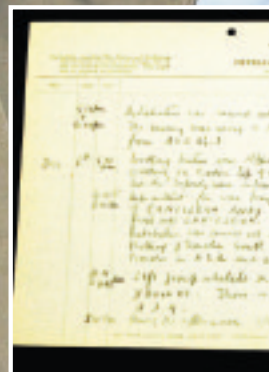
"In the last ten years ancestry has taken off amazingly - the internet has made it a lot easier," Mark added. "The book is a natural progression of that interest, but it also tells the story of how to go about looking in more detail. We have sold over 1,000 already."

To look in the archives visitors must make an appointment with the museum, and there is a reading room where hours can be spent poring over the fascinating manuscripts and countless historical photos in the cavernous vault.

Just don't go delving into your history with expectations too high, Mark warned. "They do say that you are more likely to be related to somebody that was hanged than to somebody who was a king!" he joked.

● **Real People Real Lives** is on at Firepower, The Royal Arsenal, Woolwich until December 31. The book that accompanies the exhibition is £1.50 and is available from the museum shop. For more info

www.firepower.org.uk
To book time in the Firepower archive call 020-8855 7755 or email research@firepower.org.uk



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MOVING: a World War One ledger from the Somme on December 5, 1916 - and (far left) curator Mark Smith in the archive room

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 163

How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:

For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.

For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes

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The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 9 December 2009 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 6 December 2009**.

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Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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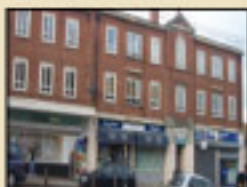
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£113.98 pw. Bands A&B



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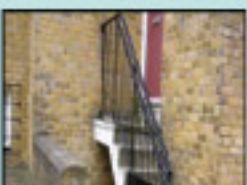
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Restons Cres SE9
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Lifted, Entry phone
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Cookhill Road SE2
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Ref Number: 99011
The Oaks
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Ref Number: 100063
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Ann Stroud Court, 1bed, Ground floor flat
Beacham Close, Charlton SE7. Ground floor, Studio Flat.
Bill Walden House, Woolwich SE18. 1st Floor flat.
Defiance Walk, Woolwich Dockyard SE18. 2nd Floor Studio flat.
Greenlawns, Woolwich SE18. 2nd Floor Studio Flat
Cooper Court, Herbert Rd SE18. 1st floor Studio Flat.
Fred Styles House, Charlton SE7. 1st Floor Studio Flat
Haven Lodge, Woolwich SE18. 2nd floor Studio Flat
Hider Court, Kidbrooke. 1 Bed, Ground Floor Flat
Len Clifton House, Woolwich SE18. 1st floor Studio flat
40 Littleheath, Charlton SE7. 1st floor Studio flat
Sarah Turnbull House, Woolwich SE18. 3rd floor Studio flat.
Strand Court, Plumstead SE18. Ground floor Studio Flat
174 Swingate Lane, Plumstead Common SE18. 3rd Floor Studio Flat

One-bedroom Two-Person Properties

Green Lawns, Woolwich SE18. Ground floor flat.
Sam Manners, Greenwich SE10. 2nd floor flat.

All the above properties are lifted.

If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring
020 8921 2696,
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Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Multiple viewings are arranged for all advertised properties including those from **Registered Social Landlords**. This means that:

- the top three eligible households who successfully bid and are eligible for a property will be invited to view the property.
- each household will receive a letter giving them an appointment to view the property and telling them their position on the bidding list, ie 1st, 2nd, 3rd (this position is based on the applicant's registration date or date of priority).
- following the viewing, the property will be offered to the highest placed applicant who accepts the property.

If you have any queries regarding this you can contact us on **020 8921 2941**.

Over 50s Housing

The Council has some blocks that are only for applicants aged 50 and over (they are usually one bed roomed flats). If you are interested please bid when you see the adverts.

Bands A&B priority applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks. **Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.**

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 160

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Webb Court Attlee Road SE28 8DW	1	FLAT	130	26/01/2007	C
Whinchat Road SE28 0EA	1	FLAT	161	12/06/2006	C
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5HT	3	FLAT	21	01/04/2006	B
Antelope Road SE18 5QG	1	FLAT	28	03/09/2008	B
Barney Close SE7 8ST	1	FLAT	162	09/02/2004	C
Octavia Way SE28 8BU	1	FLAT	114	16/06/2008	C
Spearman Street SE18 4DG	2	MAISONETTE	161	23/02/2007	C
Basket Gardens SE9 6QP	2	PARLOUR HSE	66	18/12/2000	A
Glyndon Road SE18 7NZ	1	FLAT	248	08/06/2004	C
Villas Road SE18 7PP	1	FLAT	193	01/06/2004	C
Eynsham Drive SE2 9PS	2	FLAT	196	29/09/2006	C
Sewell Road SE2 9XW	3	MAISONETTE	91	02/04/2002	C
Claymill House Raglan Road SE18 7HX	2	FLAT	103	24/01/2007	C
Littlemore Road SE2 9DG	2	HOUSE	222	26/08/2004	C
Earl Rise SE18 7NF	2	MAISONETTE	21	19/03/2007	B
Linsted Court Restons Crescent SE9 2JQ	2	FLAT	109	09/05/2007	C
Godstow Road SE2 9AU	3	MAISONETTE	15	15/12/1986	A
Rosedale Close SE2 9PE	3	MAISONETTE	95	23/05/2005	C
Sidcup Road SE9 3SA	1	FLAT	27	02/11/2007	B
Frances Street SE18 5JS	1	FLAT	35	22/03/2004	A
Linsted Court Restons Crescent SE9 2JQ	2	FLAT	18	21/08/2009	B
Combwell Crescent SE2 9LZ	2	FLAT	113	20/06/2008	C
Coupland Place SE18 7SW	4	HOUSE	185	06/02/2003	C
Felixstowe Road SE2 9QJ	2	FLAT	143	30/11/2005	C
Plumstead Road SE18 7DW	3	MAISONETTE	9	01/10/2009	B
Mulberry Close Charlton Park Road SE7 8UB	2	FLAT	32	09/12/1985	A
Witherston Way SE9 3JL	1	FLAT	48	25/09/2000	A
Branham House Boyard Road SE18 6JJ	2	MAISONETTE	81	02/05/2007	C
Prentiss Court SE7 8LD	3	PARLOUR HSE	45	11/03/2008	B
Sovereign House Europe Road SE18 5QN	2	FLAT	9	20/10/2009	B
Polthorne Grove SE18 7DU	0	FLAT	80	03/08/2004	C
Lindsay House Kingsman Street SE18 5RS	2	FLAT	11	16/07/2009	B
Marshbrook Close SE3 8AB	1	FLAT	16	01/05/2000	A
Eynsham Drive SE2 9QX	2	FLAT	130	16/06/2006	C
Gavestone Road SE12 9BW	1	FLAT	23	27/08/2001	A
Westcombe Court Westcombe Park Road SE3 7QB	1	FLAT	33	19/01/2004	A
Rixon House Barnfield Road SE18 3TX	3	FLAT	74	13/06/2007	C
Hastings House Mulgrave Road SE18 5RN	1	FLAT	168	14/01/2007	C
Nightingale Heights Nightingale Vale SE18 4HJ	1	FLAT	150	26/04/2006	C
Llanover Road SE18 3ST	2	MAISONETTE		No Eligible Bids	
Nightingale Vale SE18 4EN	4	HOUSE	23	23/03/1998	A
Denmark House Maryon Road SE7 8DE	2	FLAT	97	08/04/2008	C
Belson Road SE18 5PU	1	FLAT	22	23/09/2002	A
Crescent House Bliss Crescent SE13 7RJ	2	FLAT	104	09/08/2007	C
Nicholas Stacey House Frank Burton Close SE7 7UE	2	FLAT	17	26/01/2009	B
Gatling Road SE2 0RE	1	FLAT	81	11/06/2001	C
St Claire Villas Bramhope Lane SE7 7DY	3	HOUSE	398	01/05/2003	C
Paddle Steamer House Pettacre Close SE28 0PD	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	
Bostall Hill SE2 0RB	3	HOUSE	40	09/12/2008	B
Delafield Road SE7 7NN	1	FLAT	46	27/10/1997	A
Bellot Street SE10 0AQ	3	HOUSE	39	18/06/2008	B
Moira Road SE9 1SH	2	FLAT	14	08/10/1984	A
Clothworkers Road SE18 2PD	1	FLAT	229	31/05/2006	C
Elmley Street SE18 7NL	1	FLAT	122	18/06/2007	C
Blaker Court Fairlawn SE7 7ET	3	FLAT	93	15/04/2005	C
Passfield Path Thamesmead SE28 8BT	3	FLAT	106	05/08/2004	C
Harold Wilson House Arnott Close SE28 8BD	1	FLAT	69	14/09/2007	C
Plumstead High Street SE18 1JT	2	FLAT		No Eligible Bids	

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Film

Going back to the Welles for inspiration

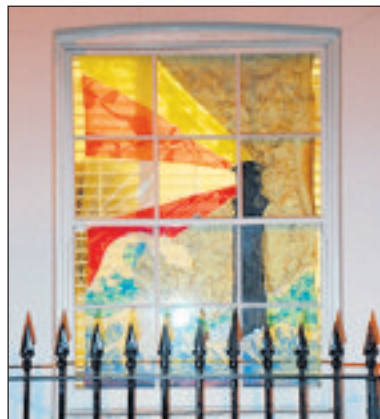
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Music

Ronan gets in the mood for Crimbo

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TWO THOUSAND AND GR-EIGHT: some of the fantastic advent windows from last year

Windows '09

Homes and businesses draw back the curtains for an advent window display in an interactive countdown to Christmas

THE dawn of advent calendars can be traced back to the early 19th century, when German Lutherans would count down the days until Christmas by lighting a candle, hanging a religious picture, or by simply drawing a chalk line on a door for each of the 24 days. Many of us are more familiar with the smaller type calendar with a picture or a treat behind every door, first mass produced at the turn of the 20th century but a Greenwich church is keeping the spirit of the physical advent calendar alive this December with a series of window displays on the run up to the big day. Organised by St Alfege's Church for the last three years, the **Living Advent Calendar** is brightening up the borough this yuletide, and bringing Christmas cheer, carols and community spirit into the bargain. "Every year we have advent

Open up: Key dates to view

3 THURSDAY
'Not necessarily a good idea'
Pickwick Papers
6 Nelson Road

5 SATURDAY
'Candy cane Christmas'
213 Greenwich High Road

7 MONDAY
'Follow the star'
Meridian School
Old Woolwich Road

19 SATURDAY
'Let there be light'
203 Greenwich High Road

23 WEDNESDAY
'Through the glass darkly'
58 Royal Hill

24 THURSDAY
'Cast away the dreams of darkness'
St. Alfege Church, Greenwich
Church St.

windows put up in shops, schools and residents' homes, all over Greenwich," said Jenny Edmunds, church administrator. "The twenty-four days are marked and each day a different window opens." Local people and businesses are all involved and get to

choose a theme for their dressings before they are shown to the public. Jenny said: "Each group taking part has the chance to decide on a title for their window and they open it up in the evening with festivities. Some are offering mince pies and wine, others have live

music and nibbles."

Now in its third year, the living advent calendar has become something of a local favourite.

"A lot of people came forward to get involved - it's quite a big event, and it really brings the community together," Jenny added.

Just like hunting out the windows on the mini calendars, visitors and residents can have great fun tracking down the festive pieces, which are up until the new year.

"It's art that everyone can appreciate and they have numbers and a plaque to show which day it signifies."

With 24 different displays spread across the church's parish, residents are bound to have a window of opportunity close by.

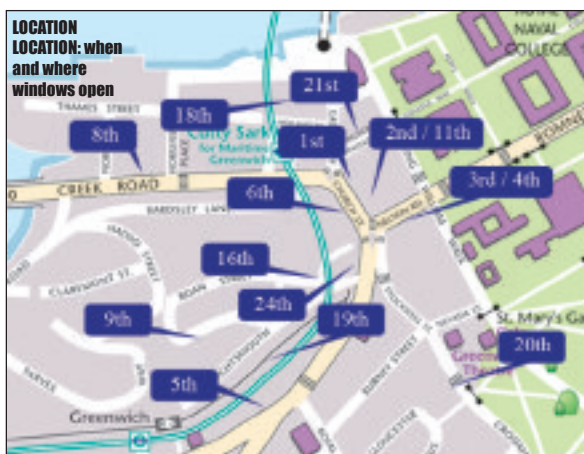
"It is mainly in the town centre but it does go down past the university and to all corners of Greenwich," the administrator added.

And if you can't make it down, every morning pictures of the previous night's window are posted on the website in keeping with the countdown nature of the month-long event.

The biggest romp of all is saved for St Alfege's, of course, with a real winter warmer at the church to mark the 24th day in December.

Rod Kitson

Times of window openings vary from 3.30pm - 7pm check online and for more info www.adventwindows.com or email adventwindows@hotmail.com



IMPORTANT

Wilde times at theatre



A BRAND new production of an Oscar Wilde classic hits the Greenwich Playhouse later this month.

Flying in the face of traditional panto, the team at the theatre on Greenwich Station forecourt have given **The Importance Of Being Earnest** an updated makeover and a yuletide feel. Artistic director at the theatre, Alice De Sousa told Scene: "What's unique about this version is that we are setting it at Christmas in the 1930s, with all the costumes that go with it and we're injecting some lovely songs and all the women are so cheeky and modern." The play runs at the 84-seat theatre is suitable for most age groups.

"It is a family show," added Alice, "The audience is so close to the action they can see the whites in the eyes of the actors. It is intimate and intense and it happens all around them."

Costumes for the period piece were designed by Richard Cooke, who has worked on some very big television shows in the past. "The costume designer has worked on BBC's the Hustle and on the Lassie TV programme," said Alice, "and the director, Bruce Jamieson was in the Ali G movie. He played the part of the policeman who rumbles Ali." She added: "This is a great opportunity to come and visit Greenwich and see a lovely show that is intelligently produced but good value too."



The Importance Of Being Earnest at the Greenwich Playhouse from Dec 15 - Jan 17. Tickets £12/10. Tel: 020-8858 9256.

Eternal love



AN interpretation of Shakespeare's classic, **Romeo and Juliet** is onstage at Blackheath Halls tomorrow

night (Dec 2). Adult dancers from the Laban dance centre present the reworking of Sergei Prokofiev's beautiful ballet version, backed by the **Blackheath Halls** orchestra. Choreographers Stella Howard and Lee Smikle have been developing the contemporary dance set to music from suites one and two of the ballet for the show at the halls on Lee Road. Aural delights from the orchestra - performing under conductor Leigh O'Hara - also include Rossini's William Tell Overture and Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture.

Tickets are £8/6 concs. The show starts at 7.30pm. Book on 020 8463 0100 or via www.blackheathhalls.com

TV WEEK

Highlights of the week



BBC One
Big Top,
Wednesday, 2nd 7.30pm

New series. Comedy following the exploits of a travelling circus as ring mistress Lizzie tries to keep the troubled troupe afloat. Amanda Holden and John Thomson star.



BBC Two
Wonderland — The Trouble with Mother,
Thursday, 3rd 9.50pm

Exploring the poignant and turbulent relationship of a man and his 80-year-old mother, unraveling an intriguing family history of love, power and dysfunction.



ITV1
Russell Watson — Return of the Voice: Tonight,
Friday, 4th 8pm

Eighteen months after he first spoke to Trevor McDonald about his treatment for a pituitary tumour, the singer looks back on his illness and talks about the future.

Tuesday, 1st December

BBC One

6.00 Breakfast.
9.15 Rip Off Britain.
10.00 Homes Under the Hammer.
11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy.
11.30 Cash in the Attic.
12.15 Bargain Hunt.
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.30 Regional News.
1.45 Doctors.
2.15 Murder, She Wrote.
3.00 BBC News.
3.05 CBeebies.
3.30 CBBC.
5.15 Weakest Link.
6.00 BBC News.

6.30 Regional News.
7.00 The One Show.
7.30 EastEnders.
8.00 Holby City.
9.00 Paradox.
10.00 BBC News.
12.15 Bargain Hunt.
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.30 Regional News.
1.45 Doctors.
11.25 Film 2009 with Jonathan Ross.
11.55 The Graham Norton Show.
12.45 See Hear.
1.15 Saving Britain's Past.
1.45 Natural World.
2.35 Jimmy's Food Factory.
3.05 Caribbean Food Made Easy.
3.35 BBC News.

BBC Two

6.00 CBeebies.
7.00 CBBC.
8.30 CBeebies.
11.00 Schools.
12.00 Daily Politics.
12.30 Working Lunch.
1.00 All Saints.
1.45 Open House.
2.15 Animal Park: Wild in Africa.
3.00 Diagnosis Murder.
3.45 Flog It!
4.30 Ready Steady Cook.
5.15 Escape to the Country.
6.00 Eggheads. Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two.
8.30 Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness. The traditions of the west coast of Canada. Last in the series.
8.00 A History of Scotland. The formation of Great Britain in 1707.
9.00 Delia's Classic Christmas.
10.00 Grumpy Old Women.
10.30 Newsnight.
11.20 Berlin.
12.20 BBC News.
3.35 Close.

ITV1

6.00 GMTV.
9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
10.30 This Morning.
12.30 Loose Women.
1.30 ITV News; Weather.
1.55 London News.
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal.
3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show.
4.00 Midsomer Murders.
5.00 Golden Balls.
6.00 London Tonight.
7.30 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Emmerdale.
7.30 Grimeflights.
8.00 Coronation Street.

8.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.30 London News.
10.35 Real Crime: Bombers on the Run. The work of police officers tracking down terror suspects.
11.35 In Plain Sight.
12.30 Premiership Rugby Union.
1.20 Loose Women.
2.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show.
3.00 ITV Nightscreen.
5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Planet Cook. 6.35 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Celebrity Life Skills. 12.40 Wife Swap USA. 1.35 Carry On Doctor (1967) British hospital comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show.

6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 3 Minute Wonder. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Rescue Remedies. 12.40 Wife Swap USA. 1.35 Above Us the Waves (1955) World War Two naval drama, with John Mills. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 4.55 St Elsewhere. 5.45 The Hoobs.

Five

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 10.45 Trisha Goddard. 11.45 Medical Investigation. 12.35 Five News. 12.50 Floyd's India. 1.15 Cooking the Books. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.45 Alone (1997) Drama, starring Hume Cronyn. 5.00 Five News. 5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 Monkey Life.

8.00 Sea Patrol UK. A fishing boat nets a World War Two bomb. 9.00 CSI: Miami. A man is killed by a hand grenade. 10.00 CSI: NY. 11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. 12.00 The FBI Files. 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.00 V8 Supercars. 5.00 European Seniors Tour Golf. 4.40 Boxing Classic. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.

Wednesday, 2nd December

6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Rip Off Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.30 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News. 6.30 Regional News. 7.00 The One Show.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.05 The Flintstones. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Working Lunch. 2.00 Animal Park. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. Bernie and Linda Nolan compete. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. Quiz show. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two.

6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 7.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 8.00 Coronation Street. John faces his accuser in the Rovers.

6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Rescue Remedies. 12.40 Wife Swap USA. 1.35 Above Us the Waves (1955) World War Two naval drama, with John Mills. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 4.55 St Elsewhere. 5.45 The Hoobs.

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 10.45 Trisha Goddard. 11.45 Medical Investigation. 12.35 Five News. 12.50 Floyd's India. 1.15 Cooking the Books. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 Zoo Days. 3.00 Jake Lassiter: Justice on the Bayou (1995) Crime drama, with Gerald McRaney. 5.00 Five News. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.

6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 Highland Emergency. 8.00 Britain's Best Brain. 9.00 Half Past Dead (2002) Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal. 11.05 America's Toughest Prisons. Life inside Statesville Prison in Illinois. 12.05 Poker. 1.30 SuperCasino. 3.00 Ironman Triathlon. 3.55 UEFA Europa League Football. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.

Thursday, 3rd December

6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Rip Off Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.30 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.00 Schools. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 All Saints. 1.45 Open House. 2.15 Animal Park: Wild in Africa. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Eggheads. Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine.

6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 7.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. Laurel sticks to her beliefs about Sally. 7.30 River Monsters.

6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Wife Swap USA. 1.25 Rat Race (2001) Comedy, with Rowan Atkinson. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks.

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 10.45 Trisha Goddard. 11.45 Medical Investigation. 12.35 Five News. 12.50 Floyd's India. 1.15 Cooking the Books. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.45 Animal Rescue Squad. 3.00 Haven. 4.00 Five News. 5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. Charlie and Geoff find Ruby unconscious at home.

6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 UEFA Europa League Football. Fulham v CSKA Sofia (Kick-off 8.05pm). 10.10 The Green Mile (1999) A prison guard amazed by the healing power and gentleness of a child-killer on death row comes to doubt his guilt. Supernatural drama, with Tom Hanks. 1.40 SuperCasino. 4.00 NFL Replay. 4.45 HouseBusters. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.

Friday, 4th December

6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Rip Off Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy. 11.30 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.30 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News. 6.30 Regional News. 7.00 The One Show.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.00 Schools. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 All Saints. 1.45 Open House. 2.15 Animal Park. 3.00 Diagnosis Murder. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Ready Steady Cook. 5.15 FIFA World Cup 2010: The Draw. 6.35 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two.

6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. Game show, hosted by Jasper Carrott. 6.00 London Tonight. 7.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street.

6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 Wife Swap USA. 1.25 One of Our Aircraft Is Missing (1942). 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show. 6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks.

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 10.45 Trisha Goddard. 11.45 Medical Investigation. 12.35 Five News. 12.50 Floyd Uncorked. 1.15 Cooking the Books. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Home and Away. 2.50 Zoo Days. 3.00 Haven. 4.00 Five News. 5.30 Neighbours. 6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. Topical reports.

7.30 The What in the World? Quiz. Science-based panel show, hosted by Marcus Brigstocke. 8.00 Axe Men. Conner Aviation begins its heli-lifting season. 9.00 NCIS. 10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. 11.00 FlashForward. 12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Big Ideas That Changed the World. 4.45 HouseBusters. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.

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Wednesday to Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 1.30-4.30pm

Channel 4
Man on Earth,
Monday, 7th 9pm

New series. As world leaders meet in Copenhagen to discuss climate change, Tony Robinson investigates the effects of fluctuating weather patterns throughout the ages.

Five
Sea Patrol UK,
Tuesday, 1st 8pm

Royal Navy experts are dispatched when a fishing boat near Dungeness in Dover nets what appears to be a rusty aircraft bomb from World War Two.

Film of the Week
The Green Mile,
Thursday, 3rd 10.10pm

A prison guard amazed by the healing power and gentleness of a child-killer on death row comes to doubt his guilt. Supernatural drama, with Tom Hanks.

Digital & Cable

Tuesday

We Need Answers,
BBC4, 10pm
New series. Tim Key, Mark Watson and Alex Horne's comedy quiz show returns. In the first edition, BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour host Jenni Murray competes against former rugby league international Martin Offiah in the anarchic quiz where all the questions are provided by the public.

Wednesday

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,
Living, 11pm
When a couple discover a body dumped in their garden, the team's investigation leads to a building full of dead people who have apparently committed suicide. As the team pursues the cult leader, Nick struggles to cope with the trauma of his own recent abduction.

Thursday

Bones,
Sky 1, 9pm
A real human skeleton is used as a stage prop for a band in Norway, and the remains are soon identified as those of Mayhem, the bassist of death metal-group Spew. Meanwhile, Sweets asks Dr Wyatt for input on the book he is writing about the detective duo. Guest starring Stephen Fry.

Friday

Miami Vice,
ITV2, 11.30pm
Narcotics detectives Crockett and Tubbs go undercover as smugglers to infiltrate a drugs cartel. However, the operation is threatened when one of them becomes dangerously involved with the wife of the head of the organisation. Crime thriller, starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx.

Saturday

Role Models,
Sky Movies Premiere, 10pm
Premiere. Two irresponsible salesmen find themselves in trouble with the law after crashing their truck. To avoid jail, they agree to do community service looking after two troubled kids – a painfully geeky teenager and a foul-mouthed youngster. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott.

Sunday

Modern Family,
Sky1, 8pm
Manny takes time out to play with Luke, before having a heart-to-heart with sister Claire. Gloria goes shopping for a dress with Alex, and Phil pushes Jay to fly his new model plane with him. Comedy, starring Ed O'Neill, Julie Bowen, Sofia Vergara, Ty Burrell and Ariel Winter.

Monday

America's Next Top Model,
Living, 6pm
Jealousy is rife among the models when they discover they will get the chance to appear in an Enrique Iglesias video, but the workload proves too much for one contestant and she collapses from exhaustion. Tyra Banks, as always, oversees the proceedings.

Saturday, 5th December	Sunday, 6th December	Monday, 7th December
<p>6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen. 12.00 BBC News and Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening day's play. 2.15 Live International Rugby Union. Barbarians v New Zealand (Kick-off 2.30pm). 4.30 Final Score. 5.05 BBC News and Weather. 5.25 Hole in the Wall. 5.55 Merlin.</p> <p>6.40 Strictly Come Dancing. 10.00 The National Lottery. 8.20 Casualty. Ruth is shocked when her brother visits the department. 9.10 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. 9.40 Strictly Come Dancing. 10.10 BBC News; Weather. 10.30 Match of the Day. 11.55 The Football League Show. 1.10 Friday Night with Jonathan Ross. 2.15 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Desmond Tutu. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 The Politics Show. 1.00 Cash in the Attic. 1.30 Keeping Up Appearances. 2.00 Murder, She Wrote. 2.45 EastEnders. 4.40 Points of View. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 BBC News and Weather. 6.00 Life. 7.00 Countryfile.</p> <p>8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From Burghley House in Lincolnshire. 9.00 Small Island. Part one of two. Drama, starring Naomie Harris and Ruth Wilson. 10.30 BBC News and Weather. 10.55 ☞ Down with Love (2003) Romantic comedy, starring Ewan McGregor and Renee Zellweger. 12.35 The Sky at Night. 1.00 Alexander Armstrong's Very British Holiday. 2.00 Holby City. 3.00 Miranda. 3.30 Caribbean Food Made Easy. 4.30 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 7.15 Animal 24/7. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.00 Living Dangerously. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Murder, She Wrote. 3.00 BBC News. 3.05 CBeebies. 3.35 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News.</p> <p>6.30 Regional News. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out Cup Journey. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Panorama. 9.00 Life. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 Inside Sport: South Africa's World Cup Journey. 11.50 The Apprentice USA. 1.15 An Island Parish. 1.45 Defying Gravity. 2.30 Beautiful People. 3.00 Horizon. 4.00 News.</p>
<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 The Cut. 12.25 The Season. 12.55 The 5:19 Show. 1.15 Kyle XY. 2.00 Animal Park. 2.45 ☞ The Big Circus (1959) Drama, starring Victor Mature, Red Buttons, Rhonda Fleming, Vincent Price and Peter Lorre. 4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage of the first round. 6.05 Dad's Army. 6.40 Dinner at Noon.</p> <p>7.20 An Englishman Abroad. Drama, starring Alan Bates. 8.25 Talking Heads. Alan Bennett's monologue. 9.00 Talking Heads 2. Monologue, starring Thora Hird. 9.30 Being Alan Bennett. The author's life during his 75th year. 10.30 The Thick of It. 11.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. 11.45 Snooker: UK Championship. 12.35 Snooker Extra. 2.35 Close.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Escape to the Country. 12.15 ☞ Tiger Bay (1959) British thriller, starring John Mills. 2.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. First-round coverage. 5.20 Talking Heads. 6.05 A Day Out. 6.55 Talking Heads. Alan Bennett's monologue A Lady of Letters.</p> <p>7.30 James May on the Moon. The presenter learns about the first lunar landing. 8.30 Top Gear. With guest Guy Ritchie. 9.30 Miranda. A hotel stay adds excitement to Miranda's life. 10.00 Match of the Day 2. 10.50 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 11.20 Argumental. 11.50 Snooker: UK Championship. 12.40 Snooker Extra. 2.40 BBC News. 4.25 Close.</p>	<p>6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.10 The Flintstones. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 Working Lunch. 1.00 Open House. 1.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship. The final four first-round matches. 5.15 Escape to the Country. 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads. New series. Radio 2 DJs take on the challenge. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two.</p> <p>7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Further coverage of the ranking tournament. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Miranda. 9.00 School of Saatchi. The six husbands produce artwork for Sudeley Castle. 10.00 Qi. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.20 Have I Got News for You. 11.50 Snooker: UK Championship. 12.40 Snooker Extra. 2.40 BBC News.</p>
<p>6.00 GMTV. 9.25 CITV. 10.55 News; Weather. 11.00 ☞ Pollyanna (1960) Family drama, starring Hayley Mills and Jane Wyman. 1.35 ☞ Peter Pan (2003) 3.35 London Tonight. 3.50 ☞ Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) Conclusion of the sci-fi saga, starring Mark Hamill. 5.00 ITV News; Weather. 5.15 ☞ Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) Concluded.</p> <p>6.30 Totally You've Been Framed! 7.30 Harry Hill's is the Best of TV Burp. 8.00 The X Factor. 9.30 Rod Stewart: One Night Only. 10.45 ITV News; Weather. 11.00 ☞ Ray (2004) Biopic, starring Jamie Foxx. 1.45 ☞ Clean and Sober (1988) Drama, starring Michael Keaton and Morgan Freeman. 3.55 Crossing Jordan. 4.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>	<p>6.00 GMTV. 9.25 CITV. 10.45 Coronation Street. 1.00 News; Weather. 1.05 Kids Do the Funniest Things. 2.05 ☞ Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. 4.10 Agatha Christie's Poirot. Drama, starring Michael Keaton and Morgan Freeman. 6.25 ITV News; Weather. 6.45 All Star Family Fortunes. 7.30 The X Factor. The acts find out who has made it to the final.</p> <p>8.30 ☞ Batman Begins (2005) Premiere. Comic-book adventure, with Christian Bale. 11.10 ITV News; Weather. 11.20 Carol Ann Duffy: The South Bank Show. 12.20 Premiership Rugby Union. 1.10 Champions League Weekly. 1.35 Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Crime. 2.30 Russell Watson – Return of the Voice: Tonight. 2.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>	<p>6.00 GMTV. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 London News. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. 5.00 Golden Balls. 6.00 London Tonight. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.30 Emmerdale. 7.00 Coronation Street. 8.00 So You Think You're Insured?: Tonight.</p> <p>8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 ☞ I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 London News. 10.35 Inside MIS: The Real Spooks. The history of the domestic security service. 11.35 ☞ The Black Windmill (1974) British spy thriller, starring Michael Caine. 1.30 Loose Women. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 3.10 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.</p>
<p>6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 World Sport. 7.30 Freeports on 4. 8.00 The Morning Line. 8.55 The World's Greatest Pop Star: Result. 10.00 Friends. 10.35 The Hollyoaks Music Show. 11.10 4Music Favourites: Robbie Williams. 11.20 90210. 1.10 Mariah Carey: T4 Special. 1.45 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park and Wetherby. 3.50 My First Year. 4.20 Come Dine with Me. 6.50 Channel 4 News.</p> <p>7.20 ☞ Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) Action thriller sequel, starring Sandra Bullock. 9.40 ☞ Premonition (2007) Premiere. Supernatural thriller, starring Sandra Bullock. 11.40 8 Out of 10 Cats. 12.15 Live from Abbey Road. 1.20 ☞ Jackie Brown (1997) Crime drama, starring Pam Grier. 4.05 Supporting Acts. 4.10 Switched. 4.30 Beauty & the Geek. 5.15 St Elsewhere.</p>	<p>6.05 Sali Mali. 6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Beach Volleyball. 7.55 The Great Swim Series. 8.50 Friends. 9.25 Hollyoaks. 12.00 90210. 1.00 Friends. 1.40 Ugly Betty. 3.40 The Simpsons. 4.45 Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. 5.00 Channel 4 News. 6.10 ☞ Son of the Mask (2004) Premiere. Comedy sequel, starring Jamie Kennedy and Alan Cumming.</p> <p>8.00 Come Dine with Me. A dinner party challenge from Wolverhampton. 9.00 ☞ Happy-Go-Lucky (2008) Premiere. British comedy drama, starring Sally Hawkins. 11.20 ☞ The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007) Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Michael McMillian. 1.00 ☞ Quills (2000) Period drama, starring Geoffrey Rush. 3.15 The Dead Zone. 4.05 Switched. 4.30 Beauty & the Geek. 5.10 St Elsewhere.</p>	<p>6.00 The Treacle People. 6.10 Planet Cook. 6.30 Yo Gabba Gabba. 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7.55 Frasier. 9.00 Will & Grace. 9.30 Friends. 10.35 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 Ugly Betty. 12.00 News at Noon. 12.30 3 Minute Wonder. 12.35 Wife Swap USA. 1.30 ☞ Distant Drums (1951) Western, starring Gary Cooper. 3.25 Countdown. 4.10 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 The Paul O'Grady Show.</p> <p>6.00 The Simpsons. 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 8.00 Dispatches: Christmas on Credit. 9.00 Man on Earth. 10.00 Ugly Betty. 11.00 Gordon Ramsay's F Word. 12.05 Little Noise Sessions 2009. 12.35 King of the Hill. 1.35 European Poker Tour. 2.30 Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip. 3.10 The Dead Zone. 3.55 Switched. 4.20 Beauty & the Geek. 5.05 St Elsewhere. 5.55 The Treacle People.</p>
<p>6.00 Sunrise. 7.00 Milkshake! 10.00 NFL UK. 11.00 The Gadget Show: Winter Special. 12.00 Britain's Best Brain. 1.00 Zoo Days. 1.10 ☞ Brave Warrior (1952) Western adventure, starring Jay Silverheels. 2.40 ☞ Operation Pacific (1951) World War Two adventure, with John Wayne. 4.55 ☞ Cool Hand Luke (1967) Chain-gang drama, starring Paul Newman.</p> <p>7.15 Five News. 7.20 NCIS. 8.15 CSI: NY. 9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A bikie is murdered in a bar. 10.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. 11.10 CSI: NY. 12.05 SuperCasino. 3.55 House Doctor. 4.45 Rough Guide to Islands. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. 5.35 Thomas & Friends. 5.45 Roary the Racing Car.</p>	<p>6.00 Sunrise. 7.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Shakes!. 12.10 Rogue Raiders. 1.00 Building the Super Tower: Megastructures. 2.00 ☞ The Last Starfighter (1984) Sci-fi adventure, starring Lance Guest. 3.50 ☞ Last Action Hero (1993) Adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. 5.00 Five News. 6.10 ☞ Kelly's Heroes (1970) World War Two adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.</p> <p>9.00 ☞ Blood Work (2002) Thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. 11.10 True Horror. Frankenstein. A physicist who animated corpses using electricity. 12.10 FlashForward. Demetri searches for answers in Hong Kong. 1.05 NFL Live. A top game. 4.40 Flying Visits. 5.00 Hana's Helpline. 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. 5.35 Thomas & Friends. 5.45 Roary the Racing Car.</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 10.45 Trisha Goddard. 11.45 Medical Investigation. 12.35 Five News. 12.50 Nice House, Shame About the Garden: Revisited. 1.15 Cooking the Books. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.50 Home and Away. 2.50 100% Britain's Best Home: Flying Visits. 3.05 ☞ Two Against Time (2002) Drama, with Mario Thomas. 5.00 Five News. 5.30 Neighbours.</p> <p>6.00 Home and Away. 6.25 Live from Studio Five. 7.30 How Do They Do It? 8.00 The Gadget Show Christmas Special. 9.00 ☞ Tears of the Sun (2003) Action drama, with Bruce Willis. 11.20 America's Toughest Prisons. 12.20 Vice Squad. 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.00 Hana's Helpline. 3.55 Race and Rally UK. 4.45 Motorsport Mundial. 5.10 Neighbours. 5.35 Home and Away.</p>

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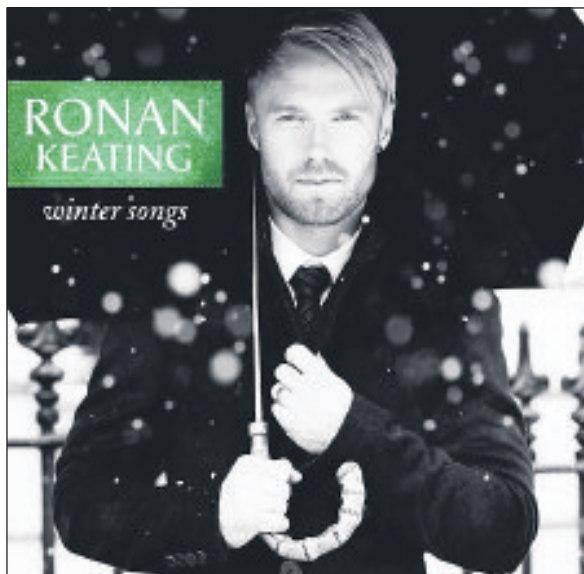


SINGLE-HANDEDLY keeping grannies, children's charities and

Terry Wogan afloat for over a decade, **Ronan Keating's** longevity is testament to just how dear the UK and Ireland holds the former boy-band frontman. Of course, he outgrew that facet of his career eons ago, and has been on our screens and stereos ever since. You always know where you are with Ronan: charming, inoffensive and squarely and resolutely nice. And we'd put our Christmas hampers on his latest album *Winter Songs*, being all of the above as well. *Andy Watson* had a listen...

FOLLOWING the success of Ronan Keating's international number one album 'Songs For My Mother' released earlier this year, the singer returns with a festive collection of seasonal songs.

The record-breaking, staggeringly successful career of the Irish pop superstar began when he joined boy band Boyzone in 1993. The



SNOW-NAN KEATING: Ronan in a charming winter scene on album sleeve

group was a UK phenomenon, but by 2000 Keating decided to break out on his own, releasing his solo debut, 'RONAN' that year. From then on, Keating

proved to be an unstoppable hit machine, constantly topping the charts with his albums and singles, and performing for everyone from the Pope to

Prince Charles. *Winter Songs* is Keating's sixth solo album which pulls together a set of 11 songs that evoke special memories of winter and Christmas for him. Teaming up - again - with SFMM producer Steve Lipson (Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox and Pet Shop Boys), Ronan ignites the Christmas spirit like a good slug of sherry on a Christmas pud. The record includes tracks from Simon & Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell and Grammy Award-winning Sugarland. Along with these Ronan also includes the Christmas staple *Silent Night* and a well-judged *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Two new songs penned by the Boyzone frontman also feature, the best of which is single, *Stay*. Whether you're a Ronan fan or not, there's no denying that *Winter Songs* evokes an infectious festive feeling and warms the cockles like stockings hung over a crackling hearth.

Winter Songs is available now at HMV Greenwich Shopping Park, Charlton

Trumpeting success

Greenwich Jazz hits the right notes



GREENWICH Jazz - part of the London Jazz Festival - hosted packed houses in Charlton House on November 13, 18 and 22 with stunning musical performances from Zoe Rahman, Jazzmoss and the London Jazz Orchestra.

It was standing room only as punters travelled from as far and wide as Colchester, Hastings and all corners of London to join seasoned locals for quality international jazz. The festivities were part of the build up to the Council's 2012 CREATE programme, and Mayor Allan McCarthy got down to some Township Jazz with South African trumpeter Claude Deppa on Saturday November 14. New stars were born on Tuesday (Nov 17) at Blackheath Halls with a joint project involving Rolling Sounds and Trinity Music College working with young people from across London, followed by a stunning performance by Lianne Carroll and Brian Kellock. Councillor John Fahy tried his hand at New Orleans Jazz with children from Linton Mead, Cherry Orchard and Cardwell primary schools as they performed their History of Jazz



HAVING A SCARF: youth jazz

project - which they had rehearsed during Black History Month with arts organisation Global Fusion Music & Arts. Event project manager Louisa Le Marchand said: "It was a bonanza of jazz. The quality of the performances as well as the diversity of styles were amazing, there was even a poetry and jazz night in Oliver's Music Bar in Greenwich."

Louisa added: "The audiences were fantastic and our members worked very hard to make the festival the great success it was. Greenwich Council really have put Greenwich on the map as a place to come to for high quality live music".

The week ended on a high with the London Jazz Orchestra at Charlton House - an 18 piece big band in the afternoon, and St Alfege Jazz, organised by Dave Silk, in the evening - with dynamic performances from all four band members. Greenwich is set to reach even higher notes at next year's Greenwich Jazz, but this year's festival will be a hard act to follow. **Hazel Brown**

All's Welles in new biopic



ORSON WELLES was a large-looming figure in the twentieth century movie industry, and a film about this imposing mogul is long overdue. There are certainly many people alive today with fond memories of the larger than life character, and they will be delighted by the terrific performance of Christian McKay as the young and ambitious Welles.

Set in the bustling, thriving New York of the 1930s, in the most exciting district - Broadway - *Me And Orson Welles* revolves around Welles' ground-breaking production of *Julius Caesar* and a sub-plot featuring a fresh faced Zac Efron (*High School Musical*) and sophisticated older woman, Sonja Jones (played by Claire Danes) in a tense love triangle with the eccentric director. That part of the film I did not buy at all - and at times I felt that I was intruding on a delusional adolescent fantasy. Nevertheless, at the premiere in Leicester Square there were plenty of young women who would give Zac the benefit of the doubt. MAOW is a fairly standard rites-of-passage movie

that has been gorgeously packaged as a period bio-pic with a stunning Orson Welles lead who steals every scene. And though enjoyable on many levels, the film falls a little short, predictably failing to reach the heights of *Citizen Kane*, the benchmark set by the subject of MAOW.

More a flick for hardcore Zac Efron fans

than hardcore Orson Welles fans then, *Me And Orson Welles* is a nice looking film, but ultimately lacks depth.

Martin McHugh

Cert: 12A

Opens at the Greenwich Odeon on December 4



AWESOME PERFORMANCE: Christian McKay as Orson Welles (in grey hat) is the highlight of the film

WIN! CINEMA TICKETS
Final Scene has 3 pairs of tickets to *Me And Orson Welles* at the Odeon Greenwich. Just answer this question: What year was *Citizen Kane* released?
Comp ends December 7. Email competitions@greenwich.gov.uk or send a postcard marked 'Orson Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW



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To apply for either of the posts, arrange a visit or obtain more information, please contact the school office on 020 8854 6917 or email: sao.l.eglington.greenwich@glfn.net

Closing date for both posts: **Wednesday 16 December 2009.**

Interview date for both posts: **Friday 18 December 2009.**

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For further information, please contact Mary Moralee, Service Group Manager Direct Services, on 020 8921 2749 or mary.moralee@greenwich.gov.uk

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Closing date for above posts: **Monday 7 December 2009.**

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Tristan Naine, 25, from the Glynndon area of Woolwich, completed Personal Best in 2008.

He said: "The PB programme helps you to both recognise and achieve your own 'personal best'."

He added: "It helps you to make the very best of your skills and previous experience, and go on to achieve more than you would have thought possible."

● GLLaB is recruiting for next year's round of Personal Best courses on **December 7 and December 14.** Call Maxine or Martin on 020-8312 7960 to book an appointment.

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Not the stroll they promised

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fairness, Omozusi settled down, had a terrific second half and played a full part in an important victory. His understanding with Sam on the right flank shows encouraging signs of improvement.

As their confidence wavered, the Addicks had Carl Ikeme to thank for spectacularly saving Chris Lines' 35th-minute volley but were unlucky not to snatch a vital third goal of their own, with Jonjo Shelvey's netbound drive striking Mooney on its way inside the right post. Mere seconds later, Rovers turned the break to advantage by reducing their arrears.

Again the usual armwrestling got underway as Stuart Campbell's outswinging corner landed in a crowded penalty area. Christian Dailly's fingerprints on Jo Kuffour's shirt were identified by letter-of-the-law referee Cook; Jeff Hughes grabbed the chance to beat Ikeme from the penalty spot and significantly change the

interval mood in both dressing rooms.

It was Rovers' turn to dominate the exchanges after the break. Only a desperate tackle by Llera denied the dangerous Kuffour and Dailly's last-ditch clearance from Darryl Duffy kept the Pirates at bay until Omozusi awkwardly sliced a Campbell cross for a right wing corner. Campbell's outswinger was perfectly timed by Lines, whose header bounced over Ikeme. There was only one winner now, so it seemed, and surprisingly it turned out to be Charlton. The niggling Lines' halfway line foul on Nicky Bailey conceded a free kick, from which Dailly found Mooney, whose header beat Andersen but smacked against the crossbar. Mooney's challenge with Andersen for the rebound was enough to free the loose ball which man-of-the-match Bailey alertly bundled over the line in typical, goalpoaching fashion. The skipper's return to central midfield and recent resumption of scoring are hardly co-incidental.

Urgently seeking a fourth

goal to seal the victory, Charlton came close through Jose Semedo, who shot narrowly wide but their nerves were settled by another of Phil Parkinson's astute substitutions. Sending on Akpo Sodje to relieve Mooney, the Midas-touch manager was rewarded when the new arrival turned in Baise's 84th-minute corner from six yards to end Rovers' resistance. They run you ragged at The Valley but it's fun.

TEAMS

Charlton Athletic (4-4-2): Ikeme (Omozusi, 22), Youga, Llera, Dailly, Baise, Semedo, Sam, Bailey, Shelvey (Wagstaff, 74), Mooney (A. Sodje, 82), Burton. Not used: Randolph, Racon, Spring, McLeod.

Bristol Rovers (4-5-1): Andersen, Lines, Coles, Campbell, Williams (Wright, 85), Duffy, Hughes, Anthony, Blizzard (Swallow, 73), Kuffour, Baldwin. Not used: Evans, Regan, Elliott, Reece, Clough.

Referee: S. Cook.

Attendance: 15,885.



RIGHT TIME AND PLACE: poacher David Mooney accepts the cheers after firing Charlton into an early lead at The Valley

Raise the roof!

Local star in Poker Million final live on Sky

by Peter Cordwell

DON'T know what you're doing on Friday (December 4) but you could do worse than get your local pub or club to organise a Superbowl-style night around the the Poker Million final being shown live on Sky from 7pm.

Greenwich star James Akenhead, 26, will be the player they all fear in the country's biggest event.

It will be final hand in a



CHIPPING AWAY: James Akenhead at the World Series event in Las Vegas

fantastic year for the former train driver who made the final table at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas last month.

And he was unlucky to make an early exit from the world's biggest event. He started the final with the least chips but "tripled up"

- catch the scene on Youtube - before his two kings hit a pair of aces.

"It was real bad luck," James told GT. "I was back to square one, then had to go all in with a pair of threes. The same guy had a pair of nines and that was that."

Sponsored by Full Tilt Poker and a member of the Hit Squad team of players, James proved that reaching the big final was no fluke as he also made the World Series Europe final and now the Poker Million decider.

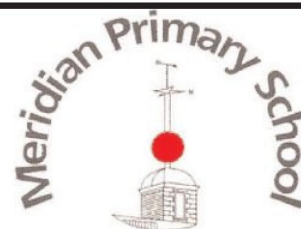
"It's been an amazing year and this will be a great way to end it," said James, "but my aim is still to be world champion and I'll be going for it again next year."

James has also agreed to take on local players in a fund-raising event next year for the Greenwich Theatre Trust and the riding school for disabled children in Charlton Park.

"The idea is for players to enter for £100 with half the money going to charity and the other half in prize money. I'm hoping Charlton footballers will enter - they usually like a game - plus local business people."

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PENALTY CLAUSE: Deon Burton makes it 2-0 from the penalty spot but it was far from a stroll for the Addicks.
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It's Bold Bailey

Skipper does it best back in midfield

by Kevin Nolan

Charlton Athletic 4
Bristol Rovers 2

PICKING up more or less where they left off in the weatherbeaten wilds of Yeovil three days earlier, Charlton caught an early tide at The Valley last Tuesday evening, which briefly threatened to swamp Bristol Rovers.

Two up after 15 minutes, the Addicks looked set to enjoy the rare luxury of a stroll in the park. Naturally it didn't work out that way. Doing things the easy way isn't bred into the club's DNA. Which explains why another excellent crowd celebrated but cautiously kept their cards close to their chests when David Mooney fired Charlton in front after just three minutes.

They relaxed a little more as

Deon Burton doubled the lead from the penalty spot, then waited for it all to go wrong. Kicking off for the third time in a quarter hour, on the other hand, Rovers must have feared a drubbing from their rampant hosts.

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Coles along the right byline before cutting the ball back to Burton, who swivelled sharply to shoot low left-footed on the turn. Mikkel Andersen parried the shot, Mooney calmly tapped the rebound in at the far post.

Sam also contributed to the Charlton's second success, his drilled cross causing Byron Anthony to concede a panicky corner. Grant Basey swung in an overhit flagkick but Pat Baldwin was concerned enough to needlessly manhandle Miguel Llera; Burton made light work of converting the gift penalty.

Stunned by the twin blows, the Pirates were facing an uncomfortable, unrewarding evening until a freak, self-sustained injury to right back Kelly Youga continued Charlton's full-back problems and disrupted their rhythm.

Youga's deputy Elliott Omozusi made a nervous start, which the visitors exploited as the momentum switched. In

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